

Observed as Christmas Day

Nesida, ¹²/₂₆/92

9 A. M.

My dear Sam.

Your Christmas greeting
telegram just at hand - in good time.
It found me with Maama in her
lebrary sitting room; - transformed
lately into bed chamber also, as our
bedroom on the third floor became
too cold for her despite the efforts
of your aunt Miranda to keep it
warm by the furnace on that side
of the house. The room Maama uses
as sitting room is on the N. W. corner
and has a stove in addition to the
register from the furnace on that side.
From what I am saying you will
understand that the weather is mighty.
The ground is covered with snow and
and the Therm. for several nights past
has fallen to near zero. Yesterday was
overcast but the sun now shines brightly.

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After much discussion the plan for a family gathering was abandoned as impracticable - for reasons "too numerous to mention" which you will understand. Anna will be absorbed in the Smith family gathering but will be here to see us today as she was yesterday. Joe and his family will celebrate at home as the little babe cannot be taken out. Joe spent an hour or so with us last evening. Will, Edith and their children will be with Edith's family in West Philade. Paul and Carry were at Swan's so we met after meeting Edith at that station just starting up here to see Mauma. Paul is here now and I do not know that anyone besides him and cousin Emily Nelson will join the regular family Revue. Mauma expects to go down stairs to dinner. She is talking to me and has just been saying how glad she is that you are at Waltham where you will see some little family life.